

CITY OF KEENE
NEW HAMPSHIRE

O-2026-02 Relating to the Definition of Family

This Ordinance proposes to amend the definition of the term “Family” in Article 29 of the Land Development Code (LDC) to bring the city’s definition into compliance with New Hampshire State Statute 674:16, which prohibits a local municipality from adopting or enforcing an ordinance that is based on the familial or non-familial relationships or marital status, occupation, employment status, or educational status of the occupants of a dwelling unit. In addition, this ordinance proposes to amend the definition of the term “Dwelling Unit” in Article 29 to clarify that this term does not include transient occupancies such as hotels/motels or bed and breakfasts. Lastly, this ordinance proposes to add clarifying language to Article 1, Section 1.2.1 “Definitions” and Article 26, Section 26.4 “Land Development Code Amendments” to state that any modifications to the definitions in Article 29 that would have the effect of modifying the zoning ordinance shall follow the same application and review procedures that are required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance.

The attached materials include the full text of Ordinance O-2026-02 and excerpted sections of the City of Keene Land Development Code that are proposed to be amended with this ordinance. Text that is **bolded and underlined** is proposed to be added, and text that is ~~stricken through~~ is proposed to be deleted.